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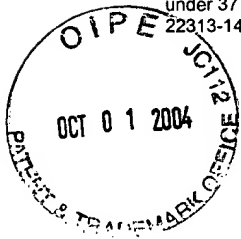
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PATENT

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

H. Michael WENZ

Application No.: 09/724,755

Filed: November 28, 2000

For: METHODS FOR DETECTING  
TARGET NUCLEIC ACIDS  
USING COUPLED LIGATION  
AND AMPLIFICATION

Group Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: J. FREDMAN

Confirmation No. 8421

**Attention: MAIL STOP AF**  
**Expedited Procedure After Final**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

**PETITION FOR SECOND AND THIRD MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicant hereby petitions for a second and third month extension of time to reply to the Final Office Action mailed April 1, 2004. A Petition for One Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee were filed on July 28, 2004. A fee of \$870.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter the Amendment and charge any additional required fees to Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

FINNEGAN, HENDERSON, FARABOW,  
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